

Dear SIC Members and Supporters:

This issue of *SIC Clips & Quips* (Volume 5, Issue 3) is sent to call attention to some key upcoming dates of special interest to School Improvement Councils.

**It's Not Too Late to Apply for the 2013 SC-SIC Riley Award!** – Level One applications for the annual SC-SIC Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence are due to the SC-SIC office no later than **Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. This award is presented each year to an SIC which has demonstrated outstanding achievement and civic engagement on behalf of its school. In Level One of the award process, SICs tell the story of their accomplishments in the previous school year through a Case Statement and supporting materials. Up to 20 of the Honor Roll SICs will be chosen by the SC-SIC Board of Trustees as semi-finalists to compete in Level Two, which provides additional evidence that an SIC is functioning in compliance with state law and SC-SIC guidelines. Five semi-finalists will be selected by the Board for the Winners Level, from which an independent panel of judges will name the Riley Award winning SIC. The remaining finalists will receive Honorable Mention awards. Pertinent information about the Riley Award application process, requirements, deadlines, and other details can be found on the SC-SIC website, <http://sic.sc.gov>, under the "Awards and Recognition" tab. Should you have any questions or need additional assistance in applying for the Riley Award, please don't hesitate to contact the SC-SIC office at 1-800-868-2232. Many fine things are happening in our schools and effective (and potentially award-winning) SICs are a driving force behind a good number of them. The Riley Award is a great way to honor their hard work and the value they bring to our schools, so apply for the award by **Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**! SC-SIC will announce Honor Roll members and notify semi-finalists for Level Two on or before Monday, January 14, 2013.

**SIC Member Reporting Deadline for 2012-13 is November 15<sup>th</sup>!** – All SICs should have conducted their membership elections for the current school year by the statutory deadline of **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Remember that the statutory deadline for reporting local SIC membership information to the SC-SIC office through the online SC-SIC Member Network is **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Member Network users should be entering their SIC's information into the Member Network at this time. If they have not already done so, account users will have to update their log-in and password information for the current school year. Directions for this are available on the SC-SIC Member Network site accessible through <http://sic.sc.gov>, or by contacting SC-SIC Digital and Web Director Claudia Wolverson by email at [wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu). Also, if your school is a new or re-organized school not listed in the SC-SIC Member Network, email Ms. Wolverson to assist you in getting your SIC established in the database. Reporting your SIC's membership information through the Member Network in a timely fashion is vital from the standpoints of accountability and as a requirement of state law, and also provides SC-SIC with the information necessary to keep in contact with SIC members across the state throughout the school year to share news and important updates impacting their roles and responsibilities.

Remember, *SIC Clips & Quips* is sent to all SIC members and supporters who share their email addresses with us. Please feel free to print out and share this information with fellow SIC members who may not have received it. We are here to help you, so please contact us any time!

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